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QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 10132

FOR AMBASSADOR LEWIS FROM EILTS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP EG (WEIZMAN, EZER)
SUBJECT: WEIZMAN VISIT

REF: TEL AVIV 4513

1. YOU ARE QUITE RIGHT THAT SOME CONFUSION SEEMS TO EXIST
AS TO WHERE THE BALL RESTS ON THE NEXT VISIT. IN VIEW
COMMENTS MADE REFTEL, I SOUNDED OUT MUBARAK TODAY AS TO
WHO EXPECTS WHAT FROM WHOM. MUBARAK SEEMED SURPRISED AT
SUGGESTION AND DENIED THAT SADAT OWES WEIZMAN CERTAIN
ANSWERS CONCERNING "ISMAILIA FORMULA" FOR DECLARATION OF
PRINCIPLES OR ON ANYTHING ELSE. ACCORDING TO MUBARAK, IT
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IS THE OTHER WAY AROUND. SADAT IS AWAITING WORD FROM
WEIZMAN ON FORMER'S SUGGESTION THAT ISRAEL ISSUE "GALLANT" .
PUBLIC DECLARATION OF WILLINGNESS (IN PRINCIPLE) TO WITH-
DRAW TO THE 1967 BOUNDARIES AND IMPLEMENT UN RESOLUTION 242
(PARA 5, CAIRO 9802). THEREAFTER ALL PARTIES COULD SIT
WITH ISRAELIS AND TALK ABOUT SECURITY ASPECTS.

2. WEIZMAN HAD SPOKEN OF POSSIBLE NEED FOR SHUTTLLING BY HIMSELF, BARAK OR SOMEONE ELSE BETWEEN CAIRO AND JERUSALEM TO TRY TO WORK THINGS OUT. AS HE HAD EARLIER TOLD ME, MUBARAK SAID SADAT AGREED BUT ASKED THAT THIS NOT TAKE PLACE FOR TEN DAYS OR SO AFTER THEIR MARCH 30-31 MEETINGS BECAUSE OF OTHER PRESIDENTIAL COMMITMENTS. ACCORDING TO MUBARAK, EGYPTIANS ARE NOW AWAITING WORD FROM WEIZMAN AS TO WHEN HE OR SOMEONE ELSE WOULD LIKE TO COME.

3. MUBARAK THEN AGAIN RELATED STORY ABOUT ISRAELI MILITARY ENCAMPMENTS IN WEST BANK REPORTED PARA 8 CAIRO 9802. MUBARAK INDICATED THAT WEIZMAN HAD BEEN QUITE DEPRESSED DURING SECOND MEETING.

4. COMMENT: WE SEEM AGAIN TO BE WITNESSING INSTANCE OF SELECTIVE HEARING ON ONE OR BOTH SIDES. THE VIBES BETWEEN SADAT AND WEIZMAN REMAIN REASONABLY GOOD, BUT THE COMPREHENSION BETWEEN THEM CLEARLY LEAVES SOMETHING TO BE DESIRED. (MUBARAK INCREASINGLY REFERS TO WEIZMAN THESE DAYS AS "SLY" AND "SUGAR-COATED.") THERE IS A MISUNDERSTANDING HERE, BUT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IT IS SOMETHING THE EGYPTIANS AND ISRAELIS THEMSELVES OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO SORT OUT DURING NEXT WEIZMAN VISIT. I LEAVE IT TO YOU WHETHER TO SAY A WORD TO WEIZMAN THAT, JUDGING FROM TALK REPORTED REFTEL, EGYPTIANS HAVE A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT IMPRESSION AS TO WHO OWES WHOM ANSWERS.
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